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SUBJ: VENEZUELA AEROSPACE STUDY RUMORED TO BE

AWARDED TO FRENCH COMPANY

REF: RIO 1842

1. EMBASSY ALSO HAS RUMORS AS INDICATED IN REF THAT CONTRACT FROM GOV FOR STUDY OF PROPOSED AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY MAY BE AWARDED TO FRENCH. BUT THESE ARE ONLY RUMORS. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT NOR HAVE OFFICIALS CONTACTED BEEN ABLE TO INDICATE WHEN AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MAY BE FORTHCOMING. IT SHOULD BE NOTED HOWEVER, THAT EVEN IF STUDY IS AWARDED TO FRENCH, THIS DOES NOT PRECLUDE PARTICIPATION BY US FIRMS IN ENGINEERING, MAINTENANCE, AND MANUFACTURING PROGRAMS. IN FACT, ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL HAS RECENTLY ELICITED CONSIDERABLE VENEZUELAN INTEREST IN TRANSFERRING ROCKWELL'S AEROCOMMANDER FACILITIES TO VENEZUELA. IN ADDITION, WE UNDERSTAND GE WAS AWARDED CONTRACT FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN ENGINE MAINTENANCE AND OVERHAUL, AND WESTINGHOUSE THE CONTRACT FOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF AVIONICS. IT HAS ALSO BEEN REPORTED THAT TALKS ARE UNDERWAY WITH NORTHROP, PIPER AND BEECH.

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EMBASSY APPRECIATES FAA OFFER OF HELP BUT FEELS THAT

ANY EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN ADDITION TO THOSE WHICH
EMBASSY HAS ALREADY MANIFESTED MIGHT BE CONSTRUED AS
UNDUE PRESSURE.
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